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Amend claim 33 as follows:

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33. (amended) A medicament made from a polypeptide originating from a malaria erythrocyte membrane protein comprising an amino-terminal part of the sequence according to SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said polypeptide is capable of binding to a negatively charged heparan sulfate or heparan sulfate-like molecule.

Amend claim 34 as follows:

34. (amended) A medicament according to claim 33 for the treatment or prevention of malaria, or vaccination against malaria.

Amend claim 35 as follows:

35. (amended) An isolated polypeptide originating from a malaria erythrocyte membrane protein comprising an aminoterminal part of the sequence according to SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the polypeptides bind to malaria-infected erythrocytes membrane protein, and wherein said polypeptide is capable of binding to a negatively charged heparan sulfate or heparan sulfate-like molecule.



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Amend claim 36 as follows:

36. (amended) A polypeptide according to claim 13, comprising domain DBL-1 having 423 amino acids of the sequence according to SEQ ID NO:1.

Amend claim 38 as follows:

38. (amended) A composition comprising a polypeptide according to claim 13 in a vaccine.

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

At the outset, applicants would like to thank Examiner Fields for her time and consideration of the present application at the interview of April 29, 2002 with the undersigned agent. At the interview, the contentions of the outstanding Official Action were discussed.

In the Official Action, claims 15-36 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

The outstanding Official Action alleged that claim 36 was vague and indefinite for reciting the term "an analogue". This recitation is not found in the presently claimed invention.